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**Office Action Summary**

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Examiner

James H Zurita

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 June 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-72 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-72 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## DETAILED ACTION

### *Election/Restrictions*

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. **Claims 1-15**, drawn to a method of using a web browser for electronic shopping on a computer, classified in class 705/26.
- II. **Claims 16-19**, drawn to for web pages to reduce the time required to select or change a quantity of an item, classified in class 705/26.
- III. **Claims 20-34**, drawn to method steps to be executed upon an order page load, classified in class 705/26.
- IV. **Claims 35-46** drawn to method steps to be executed upon loading an order summary page, classified in class 705/26.
- V. **Claim 47-60**, drawn to method steps to be executed upon loading an order page, classified in class 705/26.
- VI. **Claim 61-69**, drawn to system for electronic shopping on-line with a web browser, classified in class 705/26.
- VII. **Claim 70-72**, drawn to an article of manufacture for use in a computer, classified in class 705/26.

Inventions I, II, III, IV, V, VI and VII are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The subcombinations are distinct from each other if they are shown to be separately usable. In the instant case

Invention I (claims 1-15) has separate utility such as electronic shopping on the world wide web and recording selected item data.

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Invention II (claims 16-19) has separate utility such as requiring input of elements, the use of hyperlinks and the absence of order pages or order summary pages, determining item quantity.

Invention III (claims 20-34) has separate utility such as no input, absence of order pages or order summary pages, repeating steps *e* through *m* for each subsequent selection or change in item quantity.

Invention IV (claims 35-46) has separate utility such as presenting order summary pages only, optional recording a value for subsequent calculations and an intermediate referring page, repeating steps *g* through *k* for each subsequent selection or change in item quantity.

Invention V (claims 47-60) has separate utility such as calculating a subtotal using recalled items, repeating steps *g* through *m* for each subsequent selection or change in item quantity.

Invention VI (claims 61-69) has separate utility such as absence of recording, presentation of both order pages and order summary pages.

Invention VII (claims 70-72) has separate utility such as the use of at least one browser window with or without frames.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art because of their recognized divergent subject matter, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

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Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined, even though the requirement be traversed. 37 CFR 1.143.

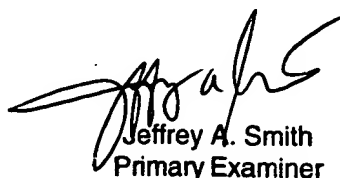
**Conclusion**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to James H Zurita whose telephone number is 703-605-4966. The examiner can normally be reached on 8a-5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jeffrey A. Smith can be reached on 703-308-3588. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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